

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****September 12, 2017**

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SUBJECT: DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPATION IN U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-ASSISTED AVIATION PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 49, PART 26

The City of Fort Worth receives Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the City has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

The City of Fort Worth owns Alliance, Meacham, and Spinks Airport(s) therefore, the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Civil Rights, require recipients of federally-aided funds to establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and Policy Statement in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

The City proposes in its policy statement that it will ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. Additionally, the policy will:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and

The Business Development Manager, Office of Business Development Division, Economic Development Department has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Business Development Manager is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the City in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

A resolution adopting the policy will be placed on the September 19, 2017 City Council agenda and the policy would become effective on that date.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Robert Sturns, Director of Economic Development.

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